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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1887.

六月禮 號六十二月二英港香

[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 25, PEKING, British steamer, 384, Hauermann, Whampoa 23rd February, General—SIEMSEN & Co.
February 25, YUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,533, Cread, Whampoa 23rd February, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
February 25, VORTIGER, British steamer, 876, J. Brown, Saigon 20th February, Rice—ARNOLD, KLAESER & Co.
February 25, NINGHOU, British steamer, 1,733, G. L. Castle, London 8th January, and Singapore 18th February, General—JARDINE, KARBERG & Co.
February 25, MARIBEL, British steamer, 876, W. M. Maturin, Port Hamilton 19th February.
February 25, FOOKSANG, British steamer, 900, Hogg, Whampoa 25th February, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.
February 25, SOUCHOW, British steamer, 900, Harris, Whampoa 25th February, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
February 25, LINNET, British g.b., from Canton

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
25TH FEBRUARY.

Esmeralda, British str., for Amoy.
Haitong, British str., for Swatow.
Cheon, British str., for Tientsin.
Callerton, British str., for Saigon.
Glenfruin, British str., for Singapore.
Hector, British str., for Amoy.
Mayo, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Fusun, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

February 25, PIEMONTE, British steamer, for Saigon.
February 25, PARADES, British steamer, for Hoihow.
February 25, ANTON, German str., for Hoihow.
February 25, BARONSHIRE, British steamer, for Yokohama.
February 25, CHINA, German str., for Bangkok.
February 25, HAIDONG, British steamer, for Swatow.
February 25, MARTHA DAVIS, American bark, for Manila.
February 25, QUARTA, German str., for Chin-kang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Vortigern, str., from Saigon—Mr. Andrew Robert, and 34 Chinese.
Per Ningchow, str., from London, &c.—240 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per Haidong, str., for Swatow—Mr. T. C. L. Hayllar.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Vortigern*, from Saigon 24th February, reports had arrived at N.E. Point and high landings in Cape Peddals; winds moderate and light; southerly winds and fine weather with fog to port. On the 23rd February spoke the *Dreadnals*, in lat. 17° 58', long. 110° 54', bound South.

The British steamer *Ningchow*, from London 8th February, reports had arrived at N.E. Point and high landings in Cape Peddals; winds moderate and light; southerly winds and fine weather with fog to port. On the 23rd February spoke the *Dreadnals*, in lat. 17° 58', long. 110° 54', bound South.

SHANGHAI.

ARRIVALS.
7. Lee-sang, British str., from Hongkong.
8. Ing, German str., from Nagasaki.
8. Sun, British str., from Hankow.
8. Taku, British str., from Foochow.
8. Kiang-tee, Chinese str., from Ningpo.
8. Kung-kwan, Chinese str., from Hankow.
8. Tocan, British str., from Hongkong.
8. Tientsin, British str., from Ningpo.
8. Owari Maru, Jap. str., from Hakodate.
8. Achilles, British str., from Liverpool.
8. Swatow, British str., from Swatow.
8. Kiang-tee, Chinese str., from Ningpo.
8. Ngan-kin, British str., from Hankow.
8. Pao-hu, British str., from Hankow.
8. Waylo, Chinese str., from Tientsin.
8. White, British str., from Nagasaki.
8. Wain, German str., from Nagasaki.
8. Ichang, British str., from Ningpo.
8. Hever, German str., from Nagasaki.
8. Wha-on, British str., from Hankow.
8. Carter, British str., from Hongkong.
8. Wenchow, British str., from Moy.
8. Chefoo, British str., from Swatow.
8. Yelain, Chinese str., from Foochow.
8. Keng-pou-kyu, French str., from Hongkong.
8. Peking, British str., from Foochow.
8. Fuchun, Chinese str., from Hongkong.
8. Peihli, British str., from Taiwan.
8. Cito, German steamer, from Nagasaki.
8. Yokohama Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.

DEPARTURES.

8. Afalata, German str., for Hamburg.
8. Cito, German str., for Nagasaki.
8. Kiang-tee, Chinese str., for Hankow.
8. Kutesing, British str., for Swatow.
8. Mesuo, Chinese str., for Foochow.
8. Taiwan, British str., for Amoy.
8. Nautilus, German g.b., for Nagasaki.
8. Ping Ching, Revenue cruiser, for a cruise.
8. Hidematsu Maru, Jap. str., for Kuchinotan.
8. Ichang, British str., for Ningpo.
8. Tohshing, British str., from Hongkong.
8. Ganges, British str., from Hongkong.
8. Peking, British str., from Foochow.
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NOTICE.

INTIMATIONS.

BANKS.

HONGKONG SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HAVE JUST LANDED.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 4,500,000.
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS 200,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 5,500,000.

A FRESH SUPPLY OF

H. CLAUSEN & SON'S

CHAMPAGNE LAGER BEER,

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CHAMPAGNE LAGER BEER,

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

SPECIAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1887. [126]

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th February, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of re-convincing the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1886.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1887. [191]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT 2% PER CENT. ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on improved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1887. [267]

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THE

CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

FOR 1887.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED
THE CHRONICLE DIRECTORY.
(TENTH-EIGHTH ANNUAL ISSUE).COMPLETE WITH APPENDIX, PLANS, &c.,
ROYAL 8VO, PP. 1,152.—\$5.00.

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

has been thoroughly revised, and brought up

to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

CONTAINS DESCRIPTIVE AND STATISTICAL

ACCOUNTS OF, AND DIRECTORY FOR,

HONGKONG.—JAPAN.—

Do. Louis' Directory Nagasaki.

Do. Park Directory Kobe (Yedo).

Military Forces Osaka.

Do. Chinese Hongkong.

MACAO.—NANKIN.

China.—Nankin.

Do. Pako Directory Manila.

Cebu.

Do. Swatow.

Amoy.

Takao.

Taiwanfu.

Tamsui.

Kemao.

Wen-chow.

Ningpo.

Shanghai.

Chinkiang.

Wuhu.

Kukkiang.

Hankow.

Ichang.

Wu-ching-kiang.

Chao-fu.

Taku.

Tien-tsin.

Peking.

Port Arthur.

Nanking.

Coqua.

Seoul.

Jedong.

Yenan.

Port Hamilton.

Vladivostock.

NAVAL SQUADRONS—

British.

United States.

French.

German.

Japanes.

Chinese Northern.

Society of Officers of the Contract Steamer Co.

P. O. S. X. C. China & Manilla S. Co.

Messrs. Martindale & Co.

Japan M. S. S. Co. Scottish Oriental S. Co.

Douglas S. S. Co. Miscellaneous Coast

China Mer. S. N. Co. Steamers.

The LIST OF RESIDENTS now contains

the names of

THIRTEEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED FOREIGNERS

arranged under one Alphabet in the strictest order, the initials as well as the surnames being alphabetical.

The MAPS and PLANS have been mostly

re-engraved in a superior style and brought up to date.

The LIST OF MERCHANTABLE HOUSES IN CHINA.

CODE OF SIGNALS IN THE VICTORIA PEAK.

MAP OF THE ISLAND OF HONGKONG.

PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

PLAN OF MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, VICTORIA.

PLAN OF FOREIGN CONCESSIONS, SHANGHAI.

PLAN OF YOKOHAMA.

PLAN OF TAIPEI.

PLAN OF TOWN AND ENVIRONS OF SINGAPORE.

PLAN OF GEORGE TOWN, PENANG.

Among the other contents of the book are—

An Anglo-Chinese Calendar.

Mean of Barometric and Thermometer, Rainfall, &c.

A full Chronology of remarkable events since the advent of Foreigners to China and Japan.

A description of Chinese Minerals, Fossils, &c., with their uses, which is full.

Comparative Tables of Money, Weights, &c.

New Scale of Hongkong Stamp Duties.

The Hongkong Postal Guide for 1887.

Arrivals and Departures of Mails and Parcel Post at and from London and Hongkong.

Scales of Commissions and Charges adopted by the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong.

Shanghai, Amoy and Nanchang.

Hongkong Chair, Jurichka, and Boat Hire.

The APPENDIX consists of

FOUR HUNDRED PAGES

of closely printed matter, to which reference is constantly required by residents and those having commercial transactions with the Countries embraced within the scope of the CHRONICLE and DIRECTORY.

The Contents of the Appendix are too numerous to reprobate in an Advertisement, but include—

TREATIES WITH CHINA—

Great Britain, Nanking, 1842

Tientsin, 1858

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Convention, 1860

Tientsin, 1858

Treaty of Commerce, 1868

United States, Tientsin, 1868

Additional, 1869

Peking, 1880

German, Tientsin, 1881

Feling, 1880

Russia, Japan, Spain, Brazil, and Peru.

TREATIES WITH JAPAN—

Great Britain, Netherlands

United States, Cora

TREATIES WITH COREA

TREATIES WITH SIAM

TREATIES WITH ANAM

TREATIES WITH CAMBODIA

CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Taxes

Japanese—Siamese

Cora

LEGAL

Orders in Council for Government of H.B.M.

Subjects in China and Japan, 1865, 1877,

1878, 1881, 1882, 1886.

Rules of H.B.M. Supreme and other Courts

in China and Japan

Tables of Criminal Fees

Code of Civil Procedure, Hongkong

Plan of Hongkong Court Fees

Admiralty Rules

Foreign Jurisdiction Act

Regulations for the Consular Courts of United

States in China

Rules of Court of Consuls at Shanghai

Chinese Passenger Act

TRADE REGULATIONS

China

Japan

Customs and Harbor Regulations for the dif-

ferent ports of China, Philippines, Siam, &c.

PILOTAGE Regulations

Hongkong—Charter of the Colony

New Rules of Legislative Council

Port Regulations

&c. &c. &c.

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Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—150 per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$75 per share, or div.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$62 per share, sellers.
China Insurance Company's Shares—\$39 per share.
Straits Marine Insurance Company, Limited—\$30 nom.
Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited—\$20 nom.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$10 per cent. prem., sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$80 per cent. prem., buyers.
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Douglas Steamship Company Limited—\$46 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$125 per share.
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China Imperial Loan of 1884 B—6 per cent.
China Imperial Loan of 1884 C—8 per cent.
China Imperial Loan, 1886 E—8 per cent. premium, sales.
Chinese Imperial Government 1882 Dollar Loan—3 per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Numbers, Farquhar & Co's Register)									
February 24th,									
STATION.	Temperature	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity
Banister—9 A.M.	61	N	55	30.05	S	55	30.05	S	55
Banister—1 P.M.	60	N	55	30.05	S	55	30.05	S	55
Thermometer—4 M.	54								
Thermometer—1 P.M.	59								
Thermometer—9 A.M.	62								
Thermometer—(Wet bulb.)	62								
Thermometer—(Dry bulb.)	61								
Thermometer—Maximum	64								
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	55								

February 24th, 1887, at 10 A.M.									
STATION.	Temperature	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity
Mazili	29.35	N	81	31	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Haplong	29.35	N	78	31	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Hongkong	29.35	N	65	77	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Ansonia	29.35	N	65	77	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Foochow	29.35	N	61	80	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Macau	29.35	N	61	80	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Kowloon	29.35	N	61	80	NE	5	30.05	S	55
Wai-wai	29.35	N	58	80	NE	5	30.05	S	55
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The barometers have risen a little in the month and gradients for N.E. winds become moderate. The temperature and the humidity are rather high and the weather is too damp to stop the steam.

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 24th February, 1887.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

February 24th, 1887, at 4 P.M.									
STATION.	Temperature	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity	Pressure	Wind	Humidity
Mazili	29.35	N	72	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Haplong	29.35	N	65	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Hongkong	29.35	N	65	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Ansonia	29.35	N	65	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Foochow	29.35	N	61	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Macau	29.35	N	61	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Kowloon	29.35	N	61	72	N	5	30.05	S	55
Wai-wai	29.35	N	58	72	N	5	30.05	S	55

1.—Barometers record 31.13 degrees Fahrenheit and 10 in. of mercury. 2.—Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. 3.—Temperature of air outside, the humidity of which is 100 per cent. 4.—Direction of Wind to two points. 5.—Direction of Wind to four points. 6.—State of the Weather. 7.—Clouds. 8.—Rain. 9.—Snow. 10.—Fog. 11.—Dripping rain. 12.—Hail. 13.—Light rain. 14.—Drizzling rain. 15.—Rain. 16.—Hail. 17.—Snow. 18.—Fog. 19.—Visibility. 20.—Wind.

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 25th February, 1887.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS AND GRIEVITUDE.

A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.

Now, the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives like a hell. The inhabitants and industries were ruined when the physical suffering and final seal was ascribed by itself to English women. "It was an error," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse, Overwörth brought on such headache, followed by a deadly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. Then I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I had to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in the heart, which in a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, throbbed in my every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not sleep, and I took to my bed for the second, and as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the next great lightning stroke, which in a little while struck in my heart, and so it did. Then I happened to get one of the Spirals of Seigle, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to August 9th, when I began to take the Syrup, very soon I could do a little work. The cough left me, and I am now quite cured. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigle's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed handfuls cautioning people against the medicine, telling them it would do no good, and that they were more influenced to destroy the Syrup pamphlets; but now, who ever one is to be found, it is lost to him. There is a post office here now, and I have learned that the Syrup is now sold in all the drugstores in our district. People have come eighteen miles to get me to buy the medicine for them, knowing that it cured me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who was looking like death, and who told them there was no help for her, that she had consulted all the physicians, but none could help her. I told her of Seigle's Syrup, and wrote the name down for her that she might not make a mistake. She took my advice and the Syrup, and now she is in perfect health, and the people around us are amazed. The medicine has made such progress in our neighbourhood that people say they don't want the doctor any more, but they take the Syrup. Sufferers from gout who were told there was no help for them have had a finger have been cured by it. There is a girl in our district who caught a cold by going through some water, and was in bed five years with costiveness and rheumatic pains, and had to have an attendant to watch her. There was not a doctor in the surrounding districts to whom

her mother had not applied to relieve her child, but ever one crossed themselves and said that could not help her. Whenever the little bell rang which is rung in our place when somebody is dead, we thought surely it was for her, but Seigle's Syrup and Pills saved her life, and now she is as healthy as anybody goes to church, and can work even in the fields. Everybody was astonished when they saw her out, how well she looked, and had been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercy and Seigle's Syrup."

MARIA HAAS.

The people of England speak confirming the above.

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS.

"Stock Ferry, January 26th, 1884.
Gentlemen—I have used Seigle's Syrup for several years, and have found it a most efficacious remedy for Liver complaints and general debility, and I always keep some by me and cannot speak too highly in its praise—it remains truly."

"Harriet King."

THE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL.

"Ifford Road Dispensary, Dukinfield,
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Dear Sir—I am happy to inform you that the sale of your Syrup and Pills increases here continually. Several of my customers speak of the effects from the Syrup and Pills as being better than from any other medicine. In some instances the effects have been wonderful—Yours very respectfully,

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Hongkong, 24th February 1887. [148]

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Do. "See" RED FOIL (dry).
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EXTRACTS.

THE FRIEND OF THE EDITOR.
Some supposed friends of a newspaper have peculiar ideas as to what kind of items a paper requires. Not long since a gentleman came into the sanctum of a Texas paper and said to the editor:—

"Lodgers, you miss a heap of live items."

"Once in a while and post von."

"All right, fetch on your items, but remember we want news."

"Next day he came up, boasting all over."

"I've got a live item for you. You know that infernal low-legged gorilla of a brother-in-law of mine, who was in business here with me!"

"I believe I remember such a person," said the editor, weakly.

"Well, I've just got news from Nebraska, where he is living, if he is going to run for the Legislature. Now, just give him a blast. Lift him out of his boots. Don't spare him on my account."

The editor shook his head, and the news-gatherer retired.

Next day he came up again. My little item was crowded out; at least I didn't see it in the paper. I brought you some more news," and handed in an item about a bat, as follows:—

"A remarkable animal.—The family eat of our worthy and distinguished fellow-townsmen, who keeps the grocery store of Ward No. 13 (beer always on tap), yesterday became the mother of five singularly-marked kittens. This is not the first time this unheard-of event has taken place. We understand Mr. Smith is being favourably spoken of as a candidate for Alderman."

The editor groans in his spirit as he lights a cigar with the effort. It is not long before he hears that Smith is going around saying that he has made the paper what it is, but it is not independent enough to suit the public.

Many readers will say that this sketch is overdrawn, but thousands of editors all over the country will hit up their right hands to testify that they are personally acquainted with the guilty party.—*Texas Siftings*.

WATER THAT WOULDN'T BOIL.
Among the many extraordinary natural phenomena attending the recent eruption of Mount Tarawera, one which appears to me not the least singular has been passed over in comparative silence and without exciting comment, as far as I am aware, among the scientific or unscientific public. During the last week those attending Mr. Burton's interesting lectures have heard there related one of the strange and so far inexplicable circumstances witnessed by Mr. McRae and others of that devoted little band, of whom it must have seemed that hell itself had opened to destroy them—I allude to the fact of their being unable to make water boil on that terrible night, when earth itself appeared to be in a state of dissolution. Mr. McRae says: "I made George Baker, the cook, put some water on the fire to make coffee for the women, who were cold and shivering, poor souls, though holding up grandly. About three-quarters of an hour afterward he met me in the passage and said to me:—'Come here, sir! What is it?' said I. 'I can't get the water to boil,' he said, 'Tut! said I, 'look up the fire.' 'It's a good fire,' he replied, and so it was, a glowing fire of blazing rats, logs—a superb fire. Put your hand in there and feel it, said he, taking the lid off boiler, I did so—very gingerly, I assure you, and found the water as cold as when he put it on. There were so many extraordinary things happening around me that this particular one did not excite my wonder very much. I thought it was owing to the electricity in the air. George Baker can touch, as well as myself, for the fact of the water having been on the fire full three-quarters of an hour, and at the end of that time being as cold as when it was put on. We spoke of the circumstances to the others at the time as being curious, but soon bad matters more serious to distract our attention."

Now, surely here is a natural phenomenon worthy the investigation of all our scientific men, not only in New Zealand, but throughout the civilized world. We, of course, all know that the greater the atmospheric pressure the greater the number of units of heat required to make the water boil, but some other deterrent cause must have been at work in this instance, as after having been placed for three-quarters of an hour on a good fire the water remained absolutely cold. What other cause was there? Is the problem I suggest to our scientific men as one well worthy of their research.—*Letter to New Zealand Herald*.

TARANTISM.
Perhaps few maladies have been more closely connected with man than that which, in the fifteenth century, under the name of Tarantism, made its first appearance in Apulia and thence spread over the other provinces of Italy, where, during the two following centuries, it prevailed as a great epidemic. This strange disorder was popularly supposed to be caused by the bite of the tarantula (*Lycosa tarantula*), a species of ground spider common in Apulia; but this explanation has long ago been discarded by medical science as throwing no light upon the nature of the disease in question, especially as the bite of the said insect does not produce the alarming effects once attributed to it. Anyhow, the fear of this insect was so general from the highly superstitious and exaggerated reports spread about it, that, as Professor Hecker remarks, "its bite was in all probability much oftener imagined, or the stings of some other kind of insect mistaken for it, than actually received."

According to Perotti, those who suffered from the mischievous effects of this venomous spider generally fell into a stage of melancholy, a condition which, in many cases, was "united with so great a sensibility to music that at the very first tones of their favourite melodies they sprang up shouting for joy, and danced on without intermission until they sank to the ground exhausted and almost lifeless." Thus a case is recorded of a young man in a secluded village in the kingdom of Naples, who when seized with a violent attack of Tarantism, danced during a paroxysm of his disorder "with astonishing vehemence, and violently leaped like a madman, keeping time, however, with the music that was played for him. But as soon as it ceased he fell to the ground in a state of stupor, from which he recovered when the musicians recommenced." On this account the influence of music as a medical agent was considered so influential that a class of songs and tunes was composed, designated "Tarantella," to be especially employed in the cure of those suffering from this epidemic. These, it may be remembered, have lingered long after the extinction of the malady, and may still be heard in the wilder districts of Italy.—*The Gentleman's Magazine*.

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